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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-29 are pending. Claims 1, 11 and 20, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 11-14, 16, 17, 20, 22, 23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,642,153 to Chaney, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Chaney") in view of U.S. Pub. No.: 2002/0073435 A1 to Handelman (hereinafter, merely "Handelman").

Claims 5, 8, 15, 18, 24 and 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Handelman and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,598,226 to Sorensen, (hereinafter, merely "Sorensen").

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Claims 9 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Handelman and Sorensen and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,570 to Usui, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Usui").

Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Handelman and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,470,497 to Ellis, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Ellis").

Claims 10, 19 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Chaney in view of Handelman and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,563,648 to Menand, et al. (hereinafter, merely "Menand").

III. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"A television receiver comprising:...

wherein the television receiver is adapted to specify one or more channels associated with:

a predetermined ISP;

a processing program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail;

a transmission list of electronic mails;

a reception list of electronic mails; and

one or more accessed web pages." (emphasis added)

As understood by Applicants, Chaney relates to a television system for receiving a plurality of digitally-encoded television programs which includes circuitry for selecting a particular digital data transmission channel from a plurality of digital data transmission channels containing a desired digitally-encoded television program in response to a control signal, at least

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one of the data transmission channels also including television program schedule data. The system also includes user-operable data entry circuitry for entering data and a controller for generating the control signal in response to user-entered data. The controller selects a virtual channel from a plurality of virtual channels in response to user-entered data, each virtual channel being subject to reassignment to a different one of said a plurality of digital data transmission channels, the television program schedule data defining the relationship of each of the television programs to respective ones of the plurality of digital data transmission channels.

As understood by Applicants, Handelman relates to a CATV system including a CATV network, a multiplicity of subscriber units, apparatus for transmitting over said CATV network encrypted information individually addressed to a subscriber unit and apparatus associated with each of said multiplicity of subscriber units for decoding the encrypted information addressed thereto.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chaney and Handelman, taken either alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest a television receiver which is adapted to specify one or more channels associated with a predetermined ISP, a processing program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail, a transmission list of electronic mails, a reception list of electronic mails and one or more accessed web pages, as recited in independent claim 1.

The Office Action relies on Handelman to teach the limitation wherein the television receiver is adapted to specify one or more channels associated with a predetermined ISP, a processing program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail, a transmission list of electronic mails, a reception list of electronic mails and one or more accessed web pages. Indeed, Handelman discloses a channel which lists the user's emails, but does not disclose one or more channels associated with a predetermined ISP, a processing

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program for preparation, transmission or reception of electronic mail, a transmission list of electronic mails, a reception list of electronic mails and one or more accessed web pages

Applicants submit that there is no disclosure or suggestion in the other references that would render claim 1 unpatentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claim 1 is patentable.

For reasons similar to, or somewhat similar to, those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 11 and 20 are also believed to be patentable.

Therefore, Applicants submit that independent claims 1, 11 and 20 are patentable.

IV. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of statements appearing above with respect to the disclosure in the cited reference or references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portions of the reference or references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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